DVOR at Madurai Airport

4238. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madurai Airport does not have Doppler Very high frequency Omni Range (DVOR);

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to set up such facility there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) At present, the Conventional Very High Frequency Omni Range (CVOR) is in operation at Madurai airport. However, orders have been placed for installation of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR) at this airport which is likely to be completed by April, 2003.

(d) Does not arise.

Direct flights to Madurai via Coimbatore

4239. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a direct flight between Madurai and New Delhi or to extend New Delhi-Coimbatore to Madurai in order to cater to Southern districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Due to aircraft commitment to meet the needs of existing network, Indian Airlines has no plans to operate direct flight from New Delhi to Madurai or to extend Delhi-Coimbatore flight upto Madurai.